

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. Claims 1, 4, 7-10, 12-15, 17 and 21-30 are pending in the application.

Allowable Claims

Claims 6-8, 11-13, 20 and 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants thank the Examiner for this indication of allowability.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-5, 9, 10, 14-19 and 22-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. patent No. 5,911,143 to Deinhart. Independent Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claims 5 and 6, which has been indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 have been canceled, rendering the rejection thereof moot. Claims 4, 7-9 and 24-30 are dependent upon amended Claim 1 and therefore are now in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 10 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 11, which has been indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, Claim 10 is now in condition for allowance. Claim 11 has been canceled, rendering the rejection thereof moot. Claims 12-14 are dependent upon amended Claim 10 and therefore are also now in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations of Claims 19 and 20, which has been indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, Claim 15 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 16 and 18-20 have been canceled, rendering the rejection thereof moot. Claims 17 and 21-23 are dependent upon amended Claim 15 and therefore are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Claims 1, 4, 7-10, 12-15, 17 and 21-30 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests prompt allowance of the subject application. If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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